



City of Wichita Code of Ordinances  
Title 16, Chapter 16.22 – Local Limits Revision

Public Notice Beginning Date: December 5, 2005

Public Notice Ending Date: January 5, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Of  
Modifications to the Sewer Use Ordinance, Title 16, Chapter 16.22  
to the City of Wichita Code of Ordinances

Public Notice issued by:

City of Wichita		USEPA Region VII
455 N Main	and	901 N 5 <sup>th</sup> Street
Wichita, Kansas 67201		Kansas City, KS 66101

Name And Address of Control Authority:	Name and Address of Facility:
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City of Wichita	Wichita Water & Sewer Department
455 N Main	2305 E 57 <sup>th</sup> Street South
Wichita, Kansas 67201	Wichita, Kansas 67216

As a condition of the City's NPDES Permit to discharge into waters of the state, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) requires the City to control the discharge of pollutants from Industrial sources to the City's sanitary sewer system per Federal regulations found in 40 CFR Part 403, referred to as the Pretreatment Program. EPA promulgated amendments to the pretreatment program modification procedures (40 CFR Section 403.18) on July 17, 1997 (62 FR 38406). In general, the modified regulation revised what types of program changes are considered to be substantial, how public notices are to be performed, and a new procedure for nonsubstantial modifications. One of the program changes that are considered substantial by the Agency, is the revision of local limits.

Federal Pretreatment Regulations (40 CFR 403) require that Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) develop and enforce site-specific pollutant limits to protect the sanitary sewer collection system, plant operations, the City workers' health and safety, and comply with its NPDES discharge permit and biosolids disposal regulations. The City, which has an USEPA approved pretreatment program, is required to continue to develop these limits as necessary and effectively enforce such limits. These site-specific protections are referred to as "Local Limits."

Local limits were developed by staff and approved by City Council in 1992, and revised in 1998. USEPA recommends that the City routinely re-evaluate local limits to reflect changes in regulations and wastewater characteristics.

Based on site-specific criteria, including State water quality standards for the Arkansas River, pollutant loadings and removal efficiencies at the Wichita Wastewater Treatment Plant, and biosolids land application criteria local limits were either increased or decreased. Following is a table, which provides the current and the proposed limits:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Existing Limit – Lbs/day</b>	<b>Proposed Limit – Lbs/day</b>
<b>Arsenic</b>	NA	5.31
<b>Cyanide (total)</b>	9.8	7.23
<b>Copper</b>	19.61	56.21
<b>Nickel</b>	87.34	36.50
<b>Chromium</b>	35.20	84.72
<b>Silver</b>	38.4	24.26
<b>Zinc</b>	352	162.7
<b>Lead</b>	59.9	1.65
<b>Cadmium</b>	9.53	3.95
<b>Mercury</b>	.007	.310
<b>Molybdenum</b>	NA	5.39
<b>Phenol Compounds</b>	80.5	80.5
<b>Aqueous Hydrogen Sulfide</b>	1 mg/L	1 mg/l
<b>Upper pH limit</b>	10.5 units	12.0 units

The City of Wichita and the USEPA will accept comments on the above modifications to the Pretreatment Program until the closing date of the Notice. Written comments to the City of Wichita and/or USEPA at the listed addresses will be accepted on or before the closing date. Comments may also be e-mailed to the following City and USEPA Staff:

- Rebecca Gagnon, Pretreatment Administrator <mailto:rgagnon@wichita.gov>  
Wichita Water & Sewer Department  
2305 E 57<sup>th</sup> Street S  
Wichita, Kansas 67216
- Paul Marshall, USEPA Region VII Pretreatment Coordinator  
<mailto:Marshall.Paul@epamail.epa.gov>  
USEPA Region VII  
901 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, KS 66101-2907

Upon presentation at the City Council agenda meeting, scheduled for January 10, 2006 at City Hall - First Floor, 455 N Main, Wichita, Kansas, the public has the opportunity to submit oral and written comments at the council meeting.